licensed at Vaikam. Two boats were so licensed in 1099 because the owner lived within the jurisdiction of the Vaikam Canal Section.

Checking of Registers of the Canal Section Officer, Vaikam.

42. MR. S. ADAM SAIT (*Commerce and Industry, South*): (*a*) Has any superior officer of the Vaikam Canal Section checked minutely the registers and records kept by the Canal Section Officer, Vaikam, and, if so, who is that officer?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to order the inspection of the records, registers, etc., maintained by the Vaikam Canal Officer?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):
(*a*) Yes. The Sub-Division Officer, Alwaye.
(*b*) In the light of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

Kottamukku-Quilon Boat Service.

43. MR. S. ADAM SAIT (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Is it not a fact that the fares of the boats plying from Kottamukku near Cranganore to Quilon are far lower than they were two years before?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Prohibition of Competition between Boat-Owners.

44. MR. S. ADAM SAIT (*Commerce and Industry, South*):
(*a*) Do the Government propose to prohibit competition between boats?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they intend granting a monopoly to any boat-owners to run their boats in the back-waters of Travancore?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*)
(*a*) No.
(*b*) No.

Accommodation in Motor Buses.

45. MR. S. ADAM SAIT (*Commerce and Industry, South*): How many square feet of accommodation are allowed to a third class passenger in the motor cars that ply in Travancore and in British India respectively?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): In Travancore, a third class passenger is generally allowed a space 15 inches long to sit, the width varying according to the width of the seat in the car. It is reported that there is no rule governing the matter in British India.

STATEMENTS LAID ON THE TABLE.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Under Rule 52 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place on the table

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